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WITH EGYPT

BEGIN SUMMARY. DURING AUG 1 PRESS CONFERENNE, MAJ. JALLUD ACCUSED
US OF DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN RECENT FIGHTING BETWEEN EGYPT AND
LIBYA. JALLUD CLAIMS LIBYA HAS EVIDENCE OF US PARTICIPATION.
JALLUD STATES EGYPT PREPARING RENEWED HOSTILITIES AGAINST
LIBYA. MEDIATION EFFORTS CONTINUE. LIBYA LOSSES ALMOST
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NON-EXISTENT, ACCORDING TO JALLUD. END SUMMARY.

1. LIBYAN MAJOR ABDUL SALLAM JALLUD ACCUSED THE US OF
"DIRECTLY PARTICIPATING IN EGYPTIAN AGGRESSION." THE FORMER
RCC MEMBER AND CONFIDANT OF COL. QADHAFI MADE THE ACCUSATION
DURING AN INTERNATIONAL PRESS CONFERENCE IN TRIPOLI AUGUST 1.
JALLUD TOLD REPORTERS THAT LIBYA HAD EVIDENCE OF US

PARTICIPATION. HE CLAIMED THAT PRIOR TO THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES, LIBYA "DOWNED FOUR UNMANNED US RECONNAISSANCE PLANES." JALLUD ALSO CLAIMED THAT LIBYA HAD THE WRECKAGE OF THE PLANES AND THAT THE JOURNALISTS COULD EXAMINE THE EVIDENCE IF THEY DESIRED.

2. IN A FURTHER ATTACK UPON THE US, JALLUD STATED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT ADMITTED US PARTICIPATION IN THE "AGGRESSION" WHEN SADAT ALLEGEDLY SAID THAT "WASHINGTON INFORMED HIM THAT EGYPTIAN PLANES HAD DESTROYED (SOVIET) RADAR WHICH TRACKS THE SIXTH FLEET OFF TOBRUK." JALLUD ALSO ATTACKED PRESIDENT CARTER'S ARMS SALES POLICY. HE CLAIMED THAT THE US'S RECENT DECISION TO "SUPPLY EGYPT WITH ARMS" WAS MADE BECAUSE THE US "FOUND EGYPT'S STRENGTH INSUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE THE AIMS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST LIBYA."

3. JALLUD TOLD REPORTERS THAT LIBYA HAS INFORMATION CONFIRMING A LARGE CONCENTRATION OF EGYPTIAN FORCES ALONG ITS BORDER. HE ALLEGED THAT "THE ENTIRE EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE" HAD MOVED TO FORWARD BASES NEAR THE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN BORDER AND THAT THE MOVE INDICATED EGYPT'S INTENTION TO RESUME "AGGRESSION." JALLUD PRAISED LIBYA'S POPULAR MILITIA WHICH HE SAID "FOULED THE RECENT EGYPTIAN AGGRESSION." HE STATED THAT IT WAS THE POPULAR RESISTANCE AND NOT THE ARMED FORCES WHICH CLASHED WITH EGYPTIAN TROOPS THAT HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OCCUPIED LIBYAN TERRITORY. THE FORMER RCC MEMBER DECLARED THAT LIBYA HAS NO REGULAR ARMED FORCES ALONG THE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN BORDER NEITHER BEFORE NOR AFTER THE RECENT BORDER CLASHES.

4. JALLUD STATED THAT ONE EGYPTIAN MOTIVE FOR "AGGRESSION" AGAINST THE LIBYAN REVOLUTION WAS LIBYA'S STAUNCH SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE. JALLUD INDICATED THAT LIBYAN-SUPPORTED PALESTINIANS AND THE ARAB NATION WERE PREPARED TO "LIQUIDATE THE ADVOCATES OF CAPITULATION IF ALL PALESTINIAN RIGHTS ARE NOT RECOGNIZED.

5. JALLUD CONFIRMED THE CONTINUATION OF MEDIATION EFFORTS BY VARIOUS ARAB LEADERS. HOWEVER, HE STATED THAT THEIR EFFORTS WERE "MEETING RESISTANCE FROM EGYPT'S PREMEDITATED INTENTION TO CONTINUE ITS AGGRESSION." LIBYA'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS MEDIATION EFFORTS, JALLUD INDICATED, WAS THAT LIBYA COULD NOT POSSIBLY ACCEPT EQUAL TREATMENT OF THE AGGRESSOR AND THE VICTIM DURING ANY MEDIATION. (DURING PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 1 IN NICOSIA, LIBYA'S AMBASSADOR STATED THAT THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF A SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN COL. QADHAFI AND PRESIDENT SADAT TO DISCUSS THEIR

DIFFERENCES.)

6. JALLUD VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION CONCERNING LIBYAN AND EGYPTIAN LOSSES DURING RECENT HOSTILITIES. JALLUD QUOTED "OFFICIAL" FIGURES INDICATING THAT LIBYA LOST ONLY 22 WOUNDED AND 27 DEAD. JALLUD CLAIMED THAT ONLY 9 LIBYAN TANKS WERE DAMAGED. CONCERNING AIRCRAFT LOSSES, JALLUD CLAIMED THAT LIBYAN DEFENSES SHOT DOWN ONE OF THEIR OWN PLANES WHICH CRASHED IN EGYPTIAN TERRITORY. THE PILOT AND SIX OR EIGHT LIBYANS ARE MISSING IN ACTION AND BELIEVED TO BE EGYPTIAN PRISONERS. CONCERNING EGYPTIAN LOSSES, HE CLAIMED THAT LIBYA SHOT DOWN 27 EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT - 24 OVER LIBYAN TERRITORY. HE ALSO CLAIMED "THOUSANDS OF EGYPTIANS HAD BEEN KILLED" AND THAT EGYPT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALLEGEDLY ADMITTED 2,000 EGYPTIAN TROOPS WERE LOST IN THE FIRST DAY OF FIGHTING.

7. WITHOUT DOUBT MAJOR JALLUD IS LOYALLY AND WITH USUAL HYPERBOLE EXPRESSING VIEWS (AS HE UNDERSTANDS THEM) OF LEADER COL. QADHAFI AND LIBYAN GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, UNDER MURKY MYSTERIOUS STRUCTURE OF LIBYAN GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMED WITH ADVENT OF "PEOPLES POWER" LAST MARCH SOLE "OFFICIAL" EMPOWERED TO SPEAK FOR LIBYA IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS FOREIGN SECRETARY TURAYKI. THUS IT IS AT LEAST TECHNICALLY POSSIBLE TO ARGUE THAT JALLUD'S VIEWS AS "MEMBER OF GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF PEOPLE'S GENERAL CONGRESS," ARE NOT LEGALLY THOSE OF LIBYAN GOVERNMENT.
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